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SUBJ: COUNTERVAILING DUTIES -- CHEESE FROM SWITZERLAND

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1. EMBASSY E/C COUNSELOR SPOKE JUNE 5 WITH AMBASSADOR JACOBI OF SWISS DIVISION OF COMMERCE RE CHEESE CASE IN LIGHT OF JUNE 3 GENEVA MEETING BETWEEN SWISS REPT AND TREASURY DEP ASST SECY SUCHMAN (REFTEL B), JUNE 4 CONVERSATION BETWEEN SUCHMAN AND EMBOFF, AND OTHER RECENT DEVELOPMENTS. JACOBI READILY AGREED THAT IT WOULD BE BETTER IF HE DELAYED HIS VISIT TO WASHINGTON AT LEAST TO WEEK OF JUNE 16. HE WILL DEFER MAKING DEFINITE PLANS UNTIL SWISS EMBASSY WASHINGTON EXPLORES SUBJECT FURTHER. JACOBI WILL ATTEND IMF/IBRD DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING IN PARIS NEXT WEEK AT WHICH IT IS POSSIBLE (ALTHOUGH HE HAS NOT SO INDICATED TO EMBASSY) THAT HE MAY SEEK FURTHER CONTACT WITH TREASURY OFFICIALS.

2. WHILE JACOBI HAD BEEN PARTIALLY BRIEFED BY LUSSE

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ON JUNE 2 MEEGING, HE HAD APPARENTLY NOT BEEN TOLD OF

POSSIBILITY OF PRELIMINARY POSITIVE DETERMINATION WITH
SIMULTANEOUS INDICATION OF WAIVER. JACOBI ASKED
SEVERAL QUESTIONS AND INDICATED THAT NEGATIVE DETER-
MINATION WOULD STILL CLEARLY BE PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE.
HE DID NOT REACT FURTHER TO SIMULTANEOUS WAIVER POS-
SIBILITY.

3. EMBOFF PARTICULARLY STRESSED TO JACOBI LANGUAGE
IN TRADE ACT RE SENSE OF CONGRESS ENDORSEMENT OF NEGOTIATION OF INTERNATIONALLY AGREED RULES AND PROCEDURES ON USE OF SUBSIDIES (AND OTHER EXPORT INCENTIVES) AND THE APPLICATION OF COUNTERVAILING DUTIES. SWISS CLEARLY HAVE FEARED THAT MTN NEGOTIATIONS ON SUBSIDIES WOULD INTER ALIA BE AIMED BY US AT ALL PRACTICES, INCLUDING SWISS DEFICIENCY PAYMENTS ON CHEESE, WHICH HAVE BEEN OR WILL BE SUBJECT TO US POSITIVE DETERMINATIONS AND WOULD BE INTENDED SEEK WHOLESALE DISMANTLING OF SUCH MEASURES FAILING WHICH DISCRETIONARY WAIVER WOULD BE REVOKED.
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